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Washington State Convention

SATURDAY EVENING.

The fourth biennial convention of the Washington State Association of the Deaf convened at the State School, Vancouver, Saturday, June 12th, with speeches and fireworks.

The "get-together" meeting resolved itself into a sort of vaudeville entertainment, each speaker being limited to two minutes. A Charlie Chaplin comedy was put on by Little, Meagher and Miss Steuerangel. MacDonald swung blazing torches in the darkened chapel, proving an expert at making fiery pinwheels. Among other entertaining and out-of-the-ordinary performers were the Meaghers, Supt. Clarke, Rev. Jensen, Mrs. Bergh and goodness knows how many others.

Up to the time of retiring the register showed fifty-three names, with more expected in on late trains.

SUNDAY.

The excursion steamer, "Jessie Harkins," specially chartered by the local committee at \$50, drew up to the Vancouver dock at 8:40 a. m. Sunday with almost forty Oregon folks on board. As regulations limit the vessel to a passenger list of exactly ninety, almost two dozen of those clustered on the wharf were of necessity left behind, including Chairman Divine himself.

A landing was made at Multnomah Falls at noon and an hour devoted to the spread furnished by the school. Every one then climbed up to take a close and vapory view of the falls, 360 feet in height, said to be one of the most marvelous in America.

Chairman Divine's absence was unfortunate; in his stead Mrs. Meagher attended to the cafeteria lunch, and her smaller half ran the games and gambols. Owing to their largely informal nature it was decided to give no prizes after all.

Events and winners were—Shot-put, Platt Connick; three-lagged races, Eckert and Frederickson, Connick and Hastings, and Miss Alice Hammond and Miss Crites; 220-yard dash, Hunter; balancing race, Letha Steurengael; fat man's race, Waugh; hurdles, Frederickson. Several leg wrestles, feats of strength and other idiotic antics entertained the "grand stand."

Owing to the swift current—the Columbia being at flood tide—the captain refused to allow the use of two big life boats for an interstate rowing race, ten men to the boat.

Several of the picnickers climbed the towering, perpendicular precipice close to the falls by means of a rope. This daring disregard for the motto on the convention badge, "Safety first," does not tend to make them very good insurance risks.

Rev. Jensen, of Oakland, California, held service of an hour's length returning, worshipping the Creator in full view of some of His most glorious handiwork. The congregation, numbering ninety, stands as a Coast record.

A pleasing innovation on the trip was the presence of a demonstrator for the Little Gem Ear Phone, sent by the Woodard Clarke Co., of Portland. Several said the phone aided them materially.

The falls were left at four sharp, landing being made opposite the school at six. Supper was served at seven to about 120 diners.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The "Missions Among the Deaf" section commenced at 7:40, Mrs. Hanson presiding. It was interspersed with six reels of interesting films, adjournment being taken at 10:50.

MONDAY.

The opening session was an inexcusable half hour late.

THE DISCOVERY OF GOLD.

If thou couldst from a hilltop see
A bivouac of infantry
Encamped upon the plain below
Beneath the moon's soft-falling glow—
Recumbent forms in quietude
Around the piles of burning wood,
And not a sound of good or fell,
Except the watchword, "All is well,"
That, like some unexpected sound
Which breaks the stillness settled round,
And travels on and on, until
'Tis answered o'er the distant hill;
Those forms awary, locked in dreams,
(While from each glistening rifle gleams
The flashing rays that leap around,
Mocking the fire's dance on the ground),
Know not of danger—should you see
Advancing hosts come o'er the lea,
And hear the bugle rouse the camp.
Behold the waking—hear the tramp—
The dead start into life again,
And roar of battle on the plain!
Then thou wouldst know how sudden,
strange
Came consternation o'er that range
Of virgin woodland, mount, and glen,
(Supreme in natural glory then),
When precious gold, washed from the
stream
First startled man by its fair gleam,
And sent its message, world around:
"The West! the West! Gold has been
found!"

HOWARD L. TERRY.

Dr. Olof Hanson opened with invocation, and four young pupils rendered "America." Supt. Clarke made the address of welcome, to which President Axling responded.

The tiresome formality of reading the minutes was gone through, communications read and reports of committees and officers postponed to the following day.

Speakers were limited to five minutes each, except in case of a sectional leader, or where the program provided otherwise.

The discussion on "What can we do to strengthen our association?" was flat and listless.

TUESDAY.

The last day of the convention saw an unusually large crowd in the chapel when order was called at 8:49 a. m. Mrs. Hanson warbled the "Star-Spangled Banner" in her own inimitable way, after Mr. Divine had invoked divine guidance. Communications were read from Douglas Tilden and Carl Garrison.

Chairman Divine, reporting on Mr. Wright's communication looking toward the establishment of a tri-state home, stated it was full of good ideas, but inopportune—by reason neither Oregon nor Idaho possessed incorporated state associations which could be held to a contract, were one made.

President Axling reported a two-year term of quiet activity. He called especial attention to the employers' accident insurance laws, which militate against deaf workmen getting and holding as food positions as formerly.

The daddy of the home idea in this state, L. A. Divine, conducted an hour section on "Homes for Aged and Infirm Deaf." Those who chimed in with remarks, wise or otherwise, were Miss Hammond, Mrs. Meagher, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Bergh, Messrs. Axling, Partridge, Bodley, Meagher, Rev. Jensen, Mrs. Divine and Mr. Hunter.

A. W. Wright of Seattle, having sent in a communication calling for action ascertaining the feasibility of establishing a tri-state home, Mr. Meagher moved such a committee be appointed at once and report first thing in the morning. Carried.

Calling attention to the fact that we have done nothing but talk, talk, talk, these past six years, he then moved a resolution calling for immediate investigation and purchase of a suitable tract of land, preferably on

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OBSERVER MISSES A DATE.

Owing to the illness of L. O. Christensen, the publisher, which sent him to the hospital for several days and confined him to his home for another week, there was no issue of the Observer on June 17.

An "unpublished" poem by H. L. Terry is printed on the first page. If some of Mr. Terry's admirers think it lacks his usual polish, it was because he reeled it off during his cub days at Gallaudet college.

The past two years of the Washington State Association is described as two years of "quiet activity." There is a bit of unconscious humor in this as the administration was so quiet it succeeded in making the deaf people of Washington forget such a thing as the association existed. But, filled with egotism, the outgoing officers proceeded to outline a policy for their successors to follow. However, those who know the new president know he will shy at the old calf path:

But still they followed—do not laugh—
The first migration of that calf,
And through the winding woodway stalked

Because he wobbled when he walked.
And men two centuries and a half
Trode in the footsteps of that calf;
A hundred thousand men were led
By that lone calf three centuries dead.

WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO MISS.

I have read with amused interest, and some chagrin the official route to California from the East, also the plans for the return by the Northern route. To cut out the Southland is like a trip through the heavens without seeing Venus.

I have seen almost everything of interest along the Pacific coast from the Canadian line all the way down to the Mexican border, in fact, I have been over the scenes twice, and I

have crossed California twice, been up the famous Columbia, across the state of Washington, and out on the desert lands of this Southland; so I think I can handle this subject, knowing what I am about.

Southern California offers a far different panorama, a climatic condition, mode of living and style of architecture from anything back East and farther north on this coast. There is a catching and enrapturing charm about the Southland that takes you and holds you and charms you, and there is a vivacity, a buoyant life, a live and let live spirit ever present. There is wonderful scenery, the finest beaches on the Pacific coast, and Catalina island offers a veritable fairyland that in itself is worth the cost of the trip here from the East. The old missions take you back to the early days of the padres, the orange groves amaze and delight you, the magnificent ranch homes of the rich astonish you with their richness and wonderful floral displays, and the sight of flowers on all sides whose colors surpass anything you have ever seen back East delight the eye and fill you with a sense of beauty never before realized.

The deaf of the South are straining themselves to make your visit all that they can in these trying times, and you will receive a happy and sincere welcome if you will come. It costs but little more to take in the entire coast. My first trip to this side was by way of Seattle, then down the coast by ship and rail to Los Angeles, costing but \$17 more than a straight ticket to San Francisco and back home.

The journey north from San Francisco will give you magnificent scenery and a chance to see the wonderful forests of the Northwest, and there are glaciers and surpassing mountain ranges, and I know the deaf of the North will make your stay with them a memorable occasion. But I regret exceedingly that the South is to be cut out not only that we shall miss the pleasure of entertaining you, but also that you or many of you will miss seeing a land of wonders whose fame is world-wide. HOWARD L. TERRY.

NOW FOR A GRAND RUSH BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

Montana has given a good impetus to the work in the Northwest and I hope every member in the Northwest states will join in and help make the membership at least 200 before the convention meets at Frisco. Remember now the figure which we wish to reach is 200 from the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

I want this number reported to me not later than July 7. Washington has now something over 60, Oregon nearly as many, Montana 27 with a sprinkling in Idaho and Wyoming. These 200

will put a broad grin on the care-worn features of President Howard and will put the Northwest away up front in progressiveness. Join in and help. Every member counts one more. All the money goes to the N. A. D. The organizers are giving their time freely.

Little work has been done in Spokane. That vicinity has a chance to give the membership list a big boost. Let's hope it improves its chance.

W. S. ROOT, 1320 Fifth Ave., Seattle

At the Tacoma club meeting May 22nd the following new officers were elected: Maurice Miller, president; Mrs. Chas. Hammond, vice-president; Mrs. Lorenz, secretary; Mrs. Hutson, treasurer.

It was decided to hold a picnic at American Lake May 30th and Chas. Hammond, his wife and Mr. Lorenz were chosen as a committee to arrange therefore.

May 30th was an ideal picnic day and those attending the affair enjoyed themselves in the usual way.

Miss Hammond, anxious to test her new walking shoes, persuaded a few of the crowd to walk to town from the lake, a distance of 12 miles. Those accompanying her on this soul-trying journey were Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. Hutson and Maurice Miller.

Robert Clark and his daughter Grace of Vicksburg, Mich., are in town for a year's visit with Mr. Clark's son. They will be pleased to have the deaf call on them—223 East 72nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond made the trip to the Glaciers, which is all the rage this year with tourists and natives alike, early in June. By the way, it's too bad President Howard's party isn't going to include that piece of paradise in its "Fairyland tour."

In the Washingtonian of June 3rd we see the following: " * * * One spectator lining the sidewalks, etc., etc.," which is such a flawless aphorism we wonder why it didn't appear in the "Flawless Issue" of May 27th.

In the same number the editor admits he was in error in advertising Charles Chaplin as a mute. Most of us have known that almost from the first but it's funny to see the "Impostor Chief" thus easily taken in.

PICNIC AT LEAVENWORTH.

Anna Courtway of Wenatchee spent four days with Mrs. Chris Smith last week and Chris Smith and his wife Anna, Willie Briskly, his sister and her fellow went fishing to Icicle Sunday morning at 6:30. They brought a basket of things for dinner. They had bad luck because it rained all day, but Willie and Chris got lots of big fish in spite of the rain. Miss Courtway and Mrs. Smith tried to get some fish, but couldn't on account of the rain. They walked five miles to Icicle and enjoyed themselves. They came home before dark.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Frat members will be present in Liberty Building Saturday, July 3. P. S. A. D. picnic July 5, Atlantic park, Renton cars.

Ed Miland of North Yakima was a visitor in Seattle a few days ago.

The N. A. D. boosters will combine their meeting with the P. S. A. D. social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haire, 6717 7th ave. N. W., Saturday evening, June 26.

Miss Cora Coe of Yates City, Ill., was one of the visitors in attendance at the Bible class Sunday. She has been visiting a sick mother at Redmond, Wash. Miss Coe was formerly a teacher in the Indiana state school for the deaf.

Those in attendance at the state convention at Vancouver from Seattle were Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Waugh, Mrs. Jessie West, Mrs. Laura Foster, Miss Myrtle Hammond and Roy Harris.

William Brisky, the young rancher of Leavenworth, who has a nice new bungalow just completed waiting for an occupant, is spending several days in Seattle visiting acquaintances and taking in the sights. He was among the convention visitors to Vancouver.

The last Bible class, under the leadership of Olof Hanson, was an outdoors affair on the shores of Puget Sound at Lincoln beach. It was attended by a number of returning convention visitors and pupils from the state school home for their annual vacation.

A. K. Waugh was recently given a week's vacation with pay by the Seattle Lighting Company, with which he is employed. With Mrs. Waugh he visited Portland and Hood River, Ore., where a brother lives, and then put in a couple of days at the state convention.

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JUNE P. S. A. D. MEETING.

The monthly meeting was called to order by the secretary in the absence of both the president and vice president, and J. E. Gustin was elected to occupy the chair for the evening.

The principal business was hearing the report of Olof Hanson, chairman of the committee having in charge the picnic for July 5. The report was adopted and the picnic will be held at Atlantic park, a small city park on the shores of Lake Washington. It is reached by Renton cars, running on Fourth avenue. Tell the conductor to let you off at Atlantic park. The balance of the committee consists of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hanson, A. K. Waugh and J. Sackville-West.

Levi Larson was admitted as a new member to the association.

SEATTLE PICNIC JULY 5TH.

The picnic of the Seattle deaf will be held Monday, July 5th, at Atlantic Park on Lake Washington. Take Renton cars on Fourth avenue to Atlantic Station and walk down Wabash avenue three blocks to the beach. Fare 5 cents, and transfers may be obtained from any car line, but you must ask for transfers to Renton line, as the regular transfers are not good on this line.

Bring your own lunch. Ice cream and soft drinks may be purchased at the boathouse, or at stores three blocks away.

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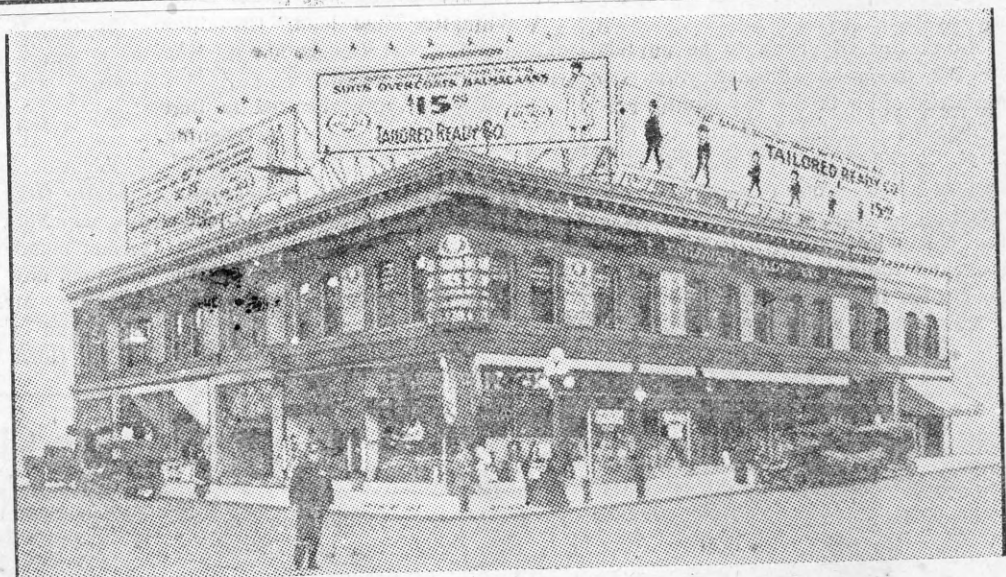
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State Convention

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the shores of Puget Sound. The old guard again came to the fore, the motion finally being held up pending the report of the committee on the Wright measure.

Mrs. Hanson suggested a present to the Clarkes would be most appropriate in view of their kindly interest and cordial welcome.

The afternoon was devoted to the moving pictures at the U. S. A. theater, Clarke county's finest playhouse, by invitation of the management. This was followed by a two-hour ride around the boulevards in automobiles kindly donated by leading Vancouver citizens.

The evening saw a reception and informal ball, seven gallons of ice cream being served. A prize cake walk and a few other impromptu innovations entertained late in the evening.

The Impostor Bureau section, in charge of the former state chief, whose good work in that line earned him promotion to the national directorship last December, was long, interesting and varied. Branch sections of this were in charge of Dr. Hanson, William West, Vivian Crites and others. A five minute dramatic sketch, showing how an Impostor Bureau card of credentials works in police court, gave everybody a working glimpse of the ways and means of securing convictions.

Director Meagher announced the name of Carl Garrison of Camano as the new state chief.

Mrs. Meagher's resolution, appropriating \$25 for the state campaign against impostors, called forth a wordy war between Mr. Divine, who felt it was too much as the state was already well fortified, and Mr. Meagher, who angrily criticized the past administrations for their do-nothingism and the tendency to continue that status. After half an hour of heated controversy the matter was temporarily laid on the table.

An outline of policy to be pursued by the incoming administration was next, the order of the day having been suspended to give it right of way. Supt. Clarke gave a lengthy, but interesting, address on his stand on the question of day schools, the root of the matter being they had come to stay and the only thing to do was to lead them into paths of rectitude.

After dinner the outline of policy for the forthcoming administration was resumed. It was finally summed up in the words, "Make good."

Mrs. Meagher rendered "Yankee Doodle." Dr. Olof Hanson conducted his section, "Schools for the Deaf and Educational Methods," ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Divine, Mr. Axling,

Mrs. Meagher and others.

"Labor Bureaus for the Deaf" was the title of the section presided over by William Bushnell West, a June graduate of the Vancouver school. This young man showed remarkable acumen and executive ability, arguing well for his place in the future of councils of the state.

Mr. Meagher recommended a committee be appointed to lobby at the next Olympia legislature for a state labor bureau for the deaf, and such other necessary legislation as may seem necessary.

The local committee reported a surplus of \$28.30 to be turned over to the home fund. Mr. Meagher presented a minority report turning the same over to the general fund. The majority report carried on vote.

The treasurer's report showed \$424.31 in the home fund and \$124.35 in the general fund, a total of \$548.66. This was audited and found correct by Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Reeves and Mr. Bodley.

The customary resolutions of thanks to all concerned in what was said by some to be the best convention ever, were read and adopted, Dr. Hanson acting as chairman. The matter of appropriating \$25 to the impostor and publicity work was taken from the table and the battle of brains recommenced.

After a bitter political fight between warm personal friends the matter was compromised at \$15.

Mr. Meagher next introduced a resolution committing the Association to the proposed amendment to the constitution of the N. A. D., making state associations eligible to membership as branch organizations. This, of course, was hotly opposed by "Uncle Joe" Divine, aided by President Axling, Mrs. Bergh and others. Dr. Hanson and Mrs. Meagher determined to get at least that one crumb of progressive legislation through a stand-pat convention, brought forth their heaviest artillery, and feeling was rather keen.

"Washington must lead," the allies maintained. "Let George do it," the triple alliance insisted.

The ultimate vote resulted in that session of the resolutions petitioning the N. A. D. for admission as a branch state organization being eliminated.

The following officers were elected and sworn in:

President, Dr. Olof Hanson, Seattle.
First Vice President, Mrs. Belle Bergh, Spokane.

Second Vice President, True Partidge, Seattle.

Secretary, Miss Alice Hammond, Tacoma.

Treasurer, L. A. Divine, Vancouver (re-elected).

Some other miscellaneous business was transacted; the lateness of the

hour then necessitated postponement of the remainder of the program to a special evening session.

This was called to order at 8:45. The matter of resolutions was disposed of and delegates selected to represent the state at the San Francisco convention—Mr. and Mrs. Meagher, Miss Myrtle Hammond and A. W. Wright. The new president was instructed to instruct them at his leisure.

It was 9:45 when adjournment sine die was taken, the understanding being Spokane would get the next convention should circumstances warrant. Cards and songs finished up the evening's entertainment after adjournment.

The "\$50 reward" mentioned in the official program for the capture, dead or alive, of an impostor named Dan Cupid was declared to belong to Miss Arva Tiller, a June graduate, and Mr. John Moore, instructor in leather work at the school, much to every one's surprise. Their friends nearly mobbed them.

The entire convention may well be declared an unqualified success, save in the failure of much constructive legislation to pass. The new regime may safely be expected to break away from the old policy of do-nothingism, however, and put Washington on the map.

Many of the delegates remained over night, taking the early morning trains for home.

N. A. D. organizers Swangren for Oregon, and Mrs. Hunter for Washington certainly made hay while the sun shone. An approximate estimate from those hustling, bustling, half-distracted organizers places Washington ahead with some 60 N. A. D.s, Oregon following hot on her heels with about 55.

Treasurer Divine reports an approximate W. S. A. D. membership of 50, pretty good considering the hard times.

FRIEDA B. MEAGHER.

MONTANA ON THE MAP IN BLACK LETTERS.

Montana held its state convention week before last and elected the following officers: President, E. V. Kemp; vice-president, Robert Ryan; secretary and treasurer, Fred Low. The Association has 41 members.

State Organizer Kemp landed 17 new members for the N. A. D. and two former members paid up for two years. Montana now has 27 members in good standing. Mr. Kemp is on the trail of more and we shall hear from him again. Good for Montana.

Bible Class FOR THE DEAF

meets on the Third Sunday of each month at three o'clock p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth avenue and James street. All welcome.

Olof Hanson, Lay-reader in charge.